

MNC-5110  
4 March 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
 THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
 SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Nicosia Bureau--February

## I. GENERAL

A. Negotiations with the Archbishop of Cyprus for a four-acre plot of land for the new Nicosia Bureau were completed. This site, located on the western fringe of Nicosia, near the old airport, will be leased for 99 years. Formal signing of the lease is expected to occur in March, after both parties have approved the draft.

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B. Deputy Chief [ ] and Chief Arabic Monitor [ ] traveled to Cairo the week of 4 February to interview applicants for vacancies in the bureau's Arabic monitoring section. Eighteen candidates, selected from nearly 300 applications received in response to advertisements placed in the Cairo press, were interviewed and tested. From these, a "short list" of five was prepared and examined carefully. To date, the bureau has offered employment to two, and an offer will shortly be made to a third.

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## II. OPERATIONS

## A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. As domestic pressure escalated in opposition to Cyprus President Spiros Kiprianou's handling of the UN-sponsored summit with Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktas, the bureau provided significant service to Embassy political officers, keeping them apprised of developments; this service included telephone briefings on and the expeditious processing of a parliamentary resolution criticizing Kiprianou and the president's rebuttal. Bureau efforts drew praise from Embassy DCM Tom Carolan.

2. Bureau received a message from the BBC Newburo lauding our "excellent coverage" of the 7 February hijacking of a Cyprus Airways plane in Beirut.

3. Per a request from MOD, the bureau's cruising and Persian monitors surveyed the clandestine Voice of Feda'i radio from 28 January to 4 February to assess reception and content.

## B. Technical

1. One extel ASR B315 was repaired and was sent back to Gulf.

## III. ADMINISTRATION

## A. Visitors

1. FBIS Director [ ] visited the bureau 3-5 February in connection with the bureau's relocation plans.

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2. London Bureau Senior technician [ ] 4-6 February, to brief regional engineer on communications equipment recently installed in Jordan Bureau.

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B. Personnel

1. Senior Editor [redacted] departed PCS 8 February. STAT
2. Editor [redacted] was promoted to GS-10 effective 3 February. STAT
3. Arabic Monitor [redacted] departed for Tel Aviv 24 February for a month's refresher work in Hebrew. STAT
4. Regional Engineer [redacted] was TDY in Tel Aviv 5-10 February. STAT

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Bureau Chief  
FBIS/Nicosia

ATTACHMENT:

Production Report

## NICOSIA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	314,000
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	87,600
(NIREFILED PROGRAM SUMMARIES	54,700)
(FYI'S, ADMINS, SVC., CRUISING,	32,900)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	939

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
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## II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	10,385	21,846	146
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## III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA  
BEIJING IN  
PERSIAN TO IRRAN

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CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ARAB LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	9,200
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	9,000
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN	
ENGLISH	2,100
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF THE MOUNTAIN IN	
ARABIC	6,000

**CYPRUS**

NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	300
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	15,900
NICOSIA TELEVISION SERVICE IN GREEK	2,300
NICOSIA CYPRUS MAIL IN ENGLISH	600
NICOSIA I ELEVHEROTIPIA IN GREEK	3,900
NICOSIA I ELEVHEROTIPIA TIS DHEFTERAS IN GREEK	6
NICOSIA I SIMERINI IN GREEK	3,300
NICOSIA I SIMERINI TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA KHARAVI IN GREEK	4,000
NICOSIA KHARAVI TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	600
NICOSIA O AGON IN GREEK	1,500
NICOSIA O AGON TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	400
NICOSIA O FILELEVTHEROS IN GREEK	400
NICOSIA O FILELEVTHEROS TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	6
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN ENGLISH	20,200
NICOSIA TA NEA IN GREEK	1,200
NICOSIA TURKISH CYPRIOT INFORMATION OFFICE IN ENGLISH	2,300

**EGYPT**

CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	18,300
CAIRO PALESTINE RADIO IN ARABIC	0
CAIRO MENA IN ARABIC	61,300
CAIRO MENA IN ENGLISH	1,100
(EDITORIAL REPORT IN ARABIC)	400

FRANCE	
PARIS AFP IN	
ENGLISH	26,500
GREECE	
ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
GREEK	18,200
ATHENS AKROPOLIS IN	
GREEK	700
ATHENS AKROPOLIS TIS KIRIAKIS IN	
GREEK	1,400
ATHENS ATHENS NEWS IN	
ENGLISH	700
ATHENS ELEVTEROTIPIA IN	
GREEK	1,600
ATHENS EXORHISI TIS KIRIAKIS IN	
GREEK	0
ATHENS I AYVI IN	
GREEK	500
ATHENS I KATHIMERINI IN	
GREEK	1,400
ATHENS KIRIKATIKI ELEVTEROTIPIA IN	
GREEK	200
ATHENS MESINURINI IN	
GREEK	4,700
ATHENS NEA PORIA IN	
GREEK	0
ATHENS RIZOSPASTIS IN	
GREEK	900
ATHENS TA NEA IN	
GREEK	4,200
ATHENS TO VINA TIS KIRIAKIS IN	
GREEK	0
IRAQ	
BAGHDAD IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN	0

## BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE

ARABIC	38,000
BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	5,100
BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN ARABIC	19,200
BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN ENGLISH	200
IHDIN RADIO OF FREE & UNIFIED LEBANON IN ARABIC	1,200
TRIPOLI LEBANON ISLAMIC UNIFICATION RADIO IN ARABIC	100
BEIRUT AL-NAHAR IN ARABIC	100
BEIRUT AL-SAFIR IN ARABIC	1,700
BEIRUT MONDAY MORNING IN ENGLISH	4,300

## LIBYA

TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	0
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## TURKEY

ANKARA YANKI IN TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL KULVAR IN TURKISH	1,000
ISTANBUL CUMHURIYET IN TURKISH	1,200
ISTANBUL DUNYA IN TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL GUNAYDIN IN TURKISH	1,300
ISTANBUL GUNES IN TURKISH	2,300
ISTANBUL HURRIYET IN TURKISH	1,600
ISTANBUL MILLIYET IN TURKISH	2,700
ISTANBUL TERCUMAN IN TURKISH	4,600

## UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

MOSCOW IN GREEK TO CYPRUS	0
MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO IRAN	10,100